



April 29, 2010

J. Patrick Slifka
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Dear Patrick:

The Child Protection Partnership (CPP) would like to thank you for speaking at our April 27th luncheon. Your presentation was 'right on'. It not only gave the attendees an opportunity to stop and think but I have already seen attendees 'spreading the word' and sharing the concepts and ideas that you presented. There is an old saying that doctors make the worst patients. I think that applies to all of us, too. We are often too busy to implement the 'self care' tools that we endorse. Thank you for reminding us.

While the majority of the audience works in the social service field, there were several attendees with different backgrounds. I have since learned that they found it equally valuable and applicable in their work. In fact, Kim Alexander, City Manager for the Town of Dumfries, has asked for your contact information. She is interested in having you speak at a staff retreat that she is planning. I forwarded your cell number to Councilwoman Nancy West, who attended the luncheon with Kim.

The CPP is a collaboration of representatives from various agencies and organizations committed to the elimination of child abuse and neglect. Our resources are limited to our hard work, good ideas, and the support of organizations and individuals in the community. Because of willing professionals like you, the CPP has been able to maximize resources to accomplish a number of things. So again, we thank you and NCG, Inc. for your commitment to our children and for your partnership in our work.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Renton, Chair
Child Protection Partnership

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April 27, 2010

Mr. Patrick Slifka
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Dear Patrick,

I wish to thank National Counseling Group, Inc. for its support of SAFE's Medication Cleanout event on April 17. The food provided to our VCU pharmacy students, Virginia Poison Center volunteers, SAFE volunteers, police officers and Explorer teen volunteers was greatly appreciated. Over 100 persons brought medications to the event, filling up nearly three 30-gallon containers. We learned much from this pilot project that will be used to help make the medication disposal event planned for November even more successful.

National Counseling Group's partnership with SAFE in preventing and reducing substance use is an exemplary example of how the public and private sectors, working together, can help prevent and reduce substance use and create healthier, safer communities. We are grateful for your involvement and support.

I also want to personally thank National Counseling Group for the weekend retreat at Wintergreen that I won at the fall conference and used this past weekend. It was a relaxing and rejuvenating time for me, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Christina Dodd deserves a special word of thanks. She did such a wonderful job selecting and ordering the food for the Medication Cleanout event and making the arrangements at Wintergreen for me. I am very appreciative of her assistance.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharyl".

Sharyl Adams
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cc: Thomas Minnick
Christina Dodd